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HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS REPORT

Prospective Yields & Production

Louisiana Prospective Yields & Productions

Louisiana's 2009 rice crop is expected to yield 6,300 pounds per acre, the highest yield on record for the state. Although farmers dealt with dry conditions early in the season, much needed rainfall was received across the state, improving crop conditions.

Louisiana **rice** production is forecast at 26.1 million cwt, down three percent from 2008. Rice acreage for harvest is forecast at 415,000 acres, down 49,000 acres from the 2008 crop. Yield per acre is forecast at 6,300 pounds, up 470 pounds from last year. If realized this will surpass the record yield set in 2007, when the state set 6,140 pounds per acre.

Soybean production is expected to total 35.0 million bushels in Louisiana, up 12 percent from 2008. An estimated 1.0 million acres will be harvested, up 50,000 acres from 2008. Yield is forecast at 35 bushels per acre, up two bushels from last year's yield.

Louisiana's **corn** production is forecast at 91.1 million bushels, up 24 percent from a year ago. An estimated 680,000 acres will be harvested for grain, up 170,000 acres from a year ago. Yield per acre, at 134 bushels, is down ten bushels from the previous year.

Louisiana's **cotton** production is expected to total 420,000 bales, up 49 percent from last year's hurricane devastated crop. An estimated 235,000 acres are expected to be harvested, up 1,000 acres from last year. At 858 pounds, the yield per acre forecast is up 282 pounds from 2008.

The Louisiana **sugarcane** crop is estimated at 10.8 million net tons, down six percent from last year. Acreage expected for harvest (sugar and seed) is 400,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from 2008. Yield is forecast at 27 net tons per acre, down 1.3 tons from last year.

Sorghum production is estimated at 7.1 million bushels in the state, down 26 percent from 2008. Acreage to be harvested for grain is forecast at 95,000 acres, down 15,000 acres from last year. Yield is forecast at 75 bushels per acre, down 12 bushels from last year.

Louisiana production of **all hay** is estimated at 1.3 million tons, up 21 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 450,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from 2008. Yield, at 2.9 tons per acre, is up .4 ton from last year.

United States Prospective Yields & Productions

Rice production is forecast at 211 million cwt, up four percent from 2008 and six percent higher than the total produced in 2007. Area for harvest is expected to total 3.0 million acres, unchanged from June, but up one percent from last year. Rice planted area at 3.0 million acres is also unchanged from the June estimate. The U.S. yield is forecast at 7,039 pounds per acre, up 193 pounds from 2008. If realized, this would be the second highest U.S. yield on record.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 3.2 billion bushels, up eight percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.7 bushels per acre, up 2.1 bushels from 2008. If realized, this will tie the fourth highest yield on record. With the exception of Illinois, yields are forecast higher or unchanged from last year across the Corn Belt and Great Plains.

Corn production is forecast at 12.8 billion bushels, up five percent from last year but two percent lower than 2007. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 159.5 bushels per acre, up 5.6 bushels from last year. If realized, this will be the second highest yield on record, behind only 2004, and production will be the second largest, behind 2007. Forecasted yields are higher than last year across the central Great Plains and western Corn Belt where mild temperatures and adequate soil moisture supplies provided favorable growing conditions. Growers expect to harvest 80.0 million acres for grain, down 100,000 acres from June but up two percent from last year.

All Cotton production is forecast at 13.2 million bales (480 pounds), up three percent from last year's 12.8 million pounds bales. Yield is expected to average 816 pounds per harvested acre, up three pounds from last year. **Upland cotton production** is forecast at 12.8 million bales (480-pounds), four percent above 2008. Producers in Texas are expecting increased yields from last year. **American-Pima production** is forecast at 367,000 bales, down 15 percent from last year.

Sugarcane production (for sugar and seed) is forecast at 29.1 million tons, up five percent from last year. Expected production increases in Florida and Texas more than offset the expected decreases in Hawaii and Louisiana. Producers intend to harvest 862,700 acres for sugar and seed during the 2009 crop season, up 8,700 acres from the June Acreage report but down 5,300 acres from last year. Expected yield is forecast at 33.7 tons per acre, up 1.9 tons from 2008.

Sorghum production is forecast at 381 million bushels, down 19 percent from last year. Expected area for harvest as grain is forecast at 6.0 million acres, down 18 percent from 2008. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 64.0 bushels per acre, down 1.0 bushel from last year.

All Hay production is forecast at 152 million tons, up four percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 2.5 tons per acre, up slightly from last year. Harvested area, at 60.2 million acres, is virtually the same as the previous year.

CROP REPORT - LOUISIANA

August 1, 2009

CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2008	2009	2008	2009		2008	2009
Corn for grain	510	680	144	134	bushels	73,440	91,120
Upland cotton	234	235	576	858	lbs: bales	281	420
Rice, all	464	415	5,830	6,300	lbs: cwt	27,037	26,145
Sorghum for grain	110	95	87	75	bushels	9,570	7,125
Soybeans	950	1,000	33	35	bushels	31,350	35,000
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	405	400	28.3	27.0	net tons	11,462	10,800
Hay, all	430	450	2.5	2.9	tons	1,075	1,305

CROP REPORT - UNITED STATES

August 1, 2009

CROP	ACRES EXPECTED FOR HARVEST (000)		FORECAST YIELD PER ACRE		UNIT	FORECAST PRODUCTION (000)	
	2008	2009	2008	2009		2008	2009
Corn for grain	78,640	80,007	153.9	159.5	bushels	12,101,238	12,760,986
Cotton, all	7,569	7,765	813	816	lbs: bales	12,815	13,207
Rice, all	2,976	3,000	6,846	7,039	lbs: cwt	203,733	211,181
Sorghum for grain	7,271	5,948	65	64	bushels	472,342	380,537
Soybeans	74,641	76,767	39.6	41.7	bushels	2,959,174	3,199,172
Sugarcane (sugar & seed)	868.0	862.7	31.8	33.7	net tons	27,603	29,093
Hay, all	60,062	60,177	2.43	2.52	tons	145,672	151,941

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